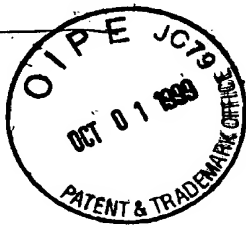


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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claims 1-15.

Please add new claims 16-25 as follows:

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16.1 (New) A modified atmosphere package comprising first and second compartments separated by a partition member, said partition member including a non-barrier portion substantially permeable to oxygen, said first and second compartments being encompassed by an outer wall substantially impermeable to oxygen, an oxygen scavenger activated with an oxygen scavenger accelerator and positioned to absorb oxygen in said first compartment, said second compartment containing a retail cut of raw meat.

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